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North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
COWBOY POETRY WEEK
APRIL 19-25, 2009


WHEREAS, throughout the history of the American West, and North Dakota in particular, cowboy and pioneer poets have played a large part in preserving western heritage and culture through oral and written poetry; and

WHEREAS, the endearing qualities of these old stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is a cherished part of North Dakota's legendary history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of these poets date as far back as cowboys themselves; and


WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the important role cowboy poetry plays in preserving our state's rich heritage, while promoting the proud traditions and values of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2009, **COWBOY POETRY WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State